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3. Chief/West					3: Per se, I shouldn't think this of any interest except for WOLFF's tie to a newspaper house which might reflect a PP (CAVIGOR) potential. Check our traces, incl. Opposing files. Then let's discuss.
4. []	7			X	
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CLASSIFICATION

TO : Chief, EE

DATE: 27 May 1958

FROM : Chief of Base, Bonn

INFO: COS

SUBJECT: GENERAL— CALL

SPECIFIC— Forthcoming Visit to U. S. by Former Waffen-SS General Karl WOLFF

1. On 20 May 1958 Karl WOLFF visited the American Embassy here and asked to see [] or []. After being informed that these two gentlemen were no longer here, he was put in touch with the undersigned. WOLFF promptly produced the attached (UNSEPCOV) letter as proof of his bona fides and then got down to business. He has a daughter who is married to an American and residing in the U. S. and a son who is spending a year in the U. S. getting to know the language and people. The son and daughter have extended an invitation to WOLFF to visit them late this summer. Before making elaborate plans and committing any financial resources, WOLFF wants to be assured that he will get a visa. He was somewhat concerned that his background might cause difficulties in obtaining a visa either because it was U. S. policy to keep out certain categories of persons (such as former SS generals, for example) or because his applying for the visa might put the government in an embarrassing position because of the possible repercussions which might accompany the visit to the U. S. of a person of his background.

2. We agreed to check into the matter and inform WOLFF of the results. We took the matter up with the Consular section here and were told that WOLFF had nothing to worry about if he had not been convicted of any war crimes (which he says he was not). On 21 May we so informed WOLFF.

3. WOLFF did not mention any plans to visit Asham nor did we bring up the matter. If Headquarters is interested, we can alert the Duesseldorf Consulate (into whose jurisdiction WOLFF falls) to watch for and furnish us copies of WOLFF's application in order that we may determine where he will be staying etc.

4. WOLFF was most polite, almost ingratiating for a former General, sporting a tan which looked as though it had been acquired south of the Alps and exuded prosperity. He resides in Koeln-Lindenthal at Fritz Hoenigstr 1, telephone 43 36 41 and represents an unidentified publishing house which puts out 7 large newspapers.

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CANTON AND CITY OF ZURICH :
CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE :
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

SS

Encl

S/c of EGNA 15042

The undersigned, Allen W. Dulles, having been duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and resident at 239 East 61st Street, New York City.

2. During the period March to May 1945 I was in charge of the operations of the Office of Strategic Services in Switzerland and Special Assistant to the American Minister in Bern.

3. In March 1945 I had several conferences in Switzerland with General Karl Wolff, certain of which were also attended by Major General Lyman H. Lemnitzer of the United States Army, Major General Terrence Airey of the British Army, and Gero von S. Gaevernitz. These conferences were held on the initiative of General Wolff for the avowed purpose as stated by him of arranging the earliest possible unconditional surrender of the German and Fascist forces in Italy, in order to end unnecessary bloodshed and hasten the end of the war. General Wolff in these conferences also expressed his firm purpose of doing all in his power to prevent the destruction of property in Northern Italy, to protect prisoners of war and hostages, and to save the art treasures in Italy, which had fallen into German hands. To the best of my knowledge and belief, General Wolff exerted himself to the utmost to accomplish these objectives from the time he gave the assurances aforesaid and he finally succeeded against serious obstacles in bringing about the unconditional German surrender, which was signed at Cassino, Italy, on April 28, and became effective on May 2, 1945.

4. I have read copies of the affidavits executed 13th October 1948 by Major General Lyman H. Lemnitzer, 14th October 1948 by Major General Terrence Airey, and 11th May 1948 by Gero von S. Gaevernitz. From my personal knowledge of the facts, I am able to confirm, in all respects, the statements in these several affidavits with the same force and effect as if the statements in these affidavits were set forth in full herein.

5. In my opinion, General Wolff's action during the period March-May 1945 materially contributed to bringing about the end of the war in Italy and thereby hastened the end of general hostilities.

Confederation of Switzerland
Canton and City of Zurich
Consulate General of the
United States of America

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May 1949.



8:30

Notary Commissioned
and qualified

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